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4. While the Soviets wanted to take over all privately-owned business, they did not want it to appear that they had confiscated it. However, if the owner could not successfully operate the business the Soviets would come in and operate it "for the good of the people." They used two methods of forcing an individual out of business. The first, that of deliberately not allotting enough raw material, was obvious to the people. The second was to allot some material but to make frequent checks of the books of the business. This made it necessary to have all book entries up to date each day. If a mistake was made or entries were not up to date a large fine was assessed. [] books were examined often, sometimes weekly, and []

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[] worked full time to keep them up to date. The only time [] fined during 1948 was in April when an error in addition was uncovered. The fine was one hundred thousand zloty, and in order to pay it [] sell several pieces of equipment, which furthered hindered my operation. 25X1

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[] In the summer of 1950 [] received word by letter that the Soviets had finally taken over the business and my friend was working under their supervision.

Munitions Factories Reactivated

6. During World War II the Germans operated a large ammunition factory a few miles south of Czestochowa, called the Hasag Munitions Factory. There they manufactured and loaded several sizes of bullets and shells. During 1946 all the equipment was crated and shipped somewhere into the USSR [] this was the general policy throughout Poland, however, a few factories were later activated. [] several munitions factories being operated by Poles under supervision of the Soviets with all finished products going to the USSR. They were in the cities of Pruszkow (52°10'N, 20°49'E), Rozwadow (50°35'N, 22°3'E), Skarzysko-Kamienna (51°07'N, 20°54'E) and Pionki (51°29'N, 21°27'E). 25X1

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